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Financing of the International Criminal Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Genocide and Other Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of Rwanda and Rwandan Citizens Responsible for Genocide and Other Such Violations Committed in the Territory of Neighbouring States between 1 January and 31 December 1994

Revised estimates resulting from the strengthening of the role of internal oversight services at the International Tribunals for the biennium 2002-2003

Summary

As detailed below, should the General Assembly adopt these revised estimates, additional appropriations of $167,550 and $219,850 would be required under the budget for the biennium 2002-2003 for the International Tribunal for the Former Yugoslavia and the International Criminal Tribunal for Rwanda respectively.

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I. Introduction

1. The Office of Internal Oversight Services (OIOS) provides oversight services to both the International Tribunal for the Former Yugoslavia and the International Criminal Tribunal for Rwanda. During the 2000-2001 biennium, OIOS dedicated 128 audit days for the International Tribunal for the Former Yugoslavia and 29 audit days for the International Criminal Tribunal for Rwanda. Similarly, OIOS dedicated 129 investigation days for the International Tribunal for the Former Yugoslavia and 63 investigation days for the International Criminal Tribunal for Rwanda during the same period against resources available at the International Tribunals and from within existing resources.

2. The current oversight coverage is not optimal owing to lack of adequate resources and could be enhanced. Accordingly, expanded oversight services of the International Tribunals are proposed by placing resident auditors at both The Hague and Arusha to enhance effectiveness in the implementation of the Tribunals' programme of work, including the improvement of internal control mechanisms.

3. It is therefore proposed that resident auditors and investigators be deployed in The Hague and in Arusha for continuing coverage of the International Tribunals. Initially resources are sought for the six-month period from 1 January to 30 June 2002, with the expectation that more established arrangements concerning posts will be presented to the resumed session for consideration in March 2002.

II. Proposals for strengthening the oversight coverage of both International Tribunals

General temporary assistance

4. A provision of $300,400 will cover the costs of six positions (4 P-4 and 2 P-3) to provide audit and investigations services to both International Tribunals, with three positions (2 P-4 and 1 P-3) located in The Hague and the three other positions (2 P-4 and 1 P-3) located in Arusha for the first six months of 2002.

5. Investigators will be responsible for conducting training on professional ethics, tips to managers against potential fraud and wastage of resources. The Investigation Division of the Internal Oversight Services Office has developed a one-week investigative training module for managers and security officers. The training module covers the entire spectrum of basic subjects with which a United Nations manager and/or an investigator needs to be acquainted: United Nations rules and regulations, investigation basics, interviews and statements and judgements of the United Nations Administrative Tribunal relevant to investigative work. The training methodology combines pedagogy, discussion, practical exercises and a final examination. This training module has already been given at numerous peacekeeping missions in the Middle East and in East Timor with very positive feedback.

6. Programme managers benefit from their participation in the module by gaining a better grasp of the investigative process and issues thus leading to sounder decisions in cases involving disciplinary issues. Security officials will gain by improving their investigative skills and knowledge. The module serves the

Organization by enhancing the managers' knowledge of fraud prevention and the practical skills of investigators.

Travel of staff

7. Estimates of $65,000 would cover the costs of travel of Headquarters-based auditors, investigators and management consultants during the year. The estimate would cover the travel costs of approximately 13 staff to the missions at an average travel cost of $5,000 each, including airfare, daily subsistence and terminal expenses.

Office supplies and equipment

8. Resources of $18,000 will provide for the acquisition of office supplies and equipment for six posts.

Communications

9. A provision of $1,000 would be required to cover communication expenses for courier services in mailing oversight work papers, for cell phones and for faxing important and urgent documents.

III. Conclusion

10. Should the General Assembly approve the specific above proposals detailed in the annex to the present report for the biennium 2002-2003, effective 1 January 2002, additional requirements in the amount of $167,550 and $219,850 would be required under the budget for the biennium 2002-2003 for the International Tribunal for the Former Yugoslavia and the International Criminal Tribunal for Rwanda respectively.

Annex

Details of revised estimates by Tribunal (before recosting)

Object of expenditures	*International Tribunal for the Former Yugoslavia*	*International Criminal Tribunal for Rwanda*	*Total*
General temporary assistance	123 050	177 350	300 400
Travel of staff	32 500	32 500	65 000
Office supplies and equipment	10 000	8 000	18 000
Communications	2 000	2 000	4 000
Total	**167 550**	**219 850**	**387 400**